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From: Mary Riddick
 To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("jss167@psu.edu")
 Date: 9/29/98 9:09am
 Subject: ? -Reply

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>>> Jim <jss167@psu.edu> 09/09/98 01:24pm >>>
 Please send this to the appropriate person. Thanks.

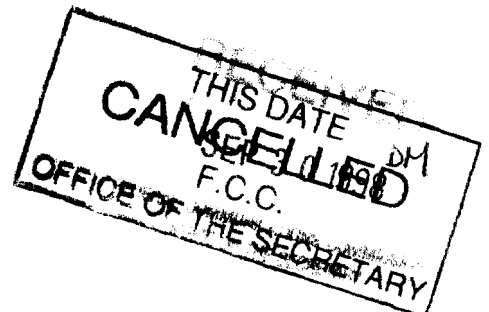
I would like to express my support for a restructuring of the amateur radio service licensing. There should be 3 classes-beginner, intermediate, and advanced. Also I would like the morse requirement to be eliminated. I am an Extra class licensee, but feel that is is outdated. I think that all of the tests and CW drive away possible hams. Ham radio is should focus on being a voice and digital service. CW is great, but for nostalgic purposes. I routinely see hams who are not too good with electronics. You should not need to be an engineer to pass a test, but a bit more theory would be great. CW doesn't make an operator. Willingness to learn does.

I favor international privileges too. If I have a US license I should automatically get to operate in any country, as long as I know their band plans. Likewise, the same should apply for foreigners coming here. If I decide to move somewhere else I should be given a license there. Many US companies have overseas locations and travel is commonplace today. As long as licensing is relatively the same this should not be a problem. If I am competent in one country, why not everywhere else? I can rent a car and drive everywhere, why not radio? It makes no sense.

I am also opposed to the new scanner proposal which would make the components completely off limits. I think this will have negative ramifications upon valid users. Most newer phones are PCS so this should not be a concern. Cell phones had scrambling technology at their fingertips years ago, but failed to use it. That's not our problem. Why should the citizenry have "goofed up" receivers because an industry was too cheap to adopt encryption? Would you say negative things about a person if he was nearby? If you talked in a different language (like encryption) no one would know except the intended party. Actually new receivers should have no cell blocking due to digital PCS (which is at different freq's anyway.) Cell is on it's way out the door.

We could really use a uniform 40m and 80 band plan too. Thank you.

James Sikorski Jr
 N3PBH



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Subject: WT Docket # 98-143 -Reply

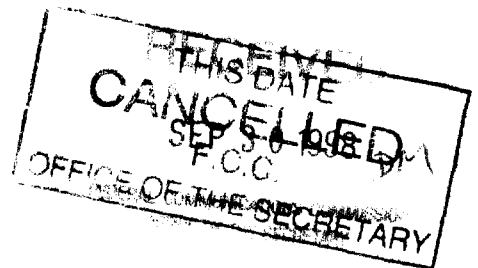
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>>> "Richard R. Aten Jr " <aten@sgi.net> 09/10/98 12:58pm >>>
FCC

" In the matter of 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review Amendment of part 97 of the Commissions Amateur Service Rules, FCC WT Docket 98-143."

As a prespective amateur radio operator, I feel that a CW Exam for a General class of license should be 5 w.p.m., and also that this class license should include the General class written exam, with the present question pool, with no increase in the number of questions. I am against , an essay written examination. I feel the present exam pool of questions best reflects the challenge to demonstrate that you are prepared for the upgrade I also support Docket 98-143

Thank You,
Richard R. Aten Jr.
118 Demar Blvd.
Canonsburg Pa 15317



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Subject: FCC WT DOCKET 98-143 -Reply

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>>> <SLIPKID773@aol.com> 09/11/98 08:42pm >>>
CW TESTING SHOULD STOP ITS NOT 1945 ITS 1998

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Subject: FCC WT DOKET 98-143 -Reply

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>>> <FLGIRL270@aol.com> 09/11/98 09:02pm >>>
CW TESTING MUST STOP its time to for change simplify and streamline is the
only way to go we need more kids in the hobby . !!!!!!!!!!!!!

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From: Mary Riddick
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("motobro@hotmail.com")
Date: 9/29/98 9:28am
Subject: Arrl Band proposal -Reply

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>>> "Curtis ~Motobro" <motobro@hotmail.com> 09/12/98 08:51pm >>>
I am currently a Tech plus HAM and I am all for the Restructuring of the HAM bands. They would be of big benefit for me. I am a college student going to school for a B.S.E.E.T. at Denver Inst. of Technology. I am also a member of the ARRL. I just thought I would drop a note to voice my opinion.

Thanks,
Curtis Kenngott (KC0BOK)

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From: Mary Riddick
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("nesbitt@tznet.com")
Date: 9/29/98 9:24am
Subject: Comment on FCC Amateur Radio License change -Reply

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>>> Richard Nesbitt <nesbitt@tznet.com> 09/12/98 01:57pm >>>
To express your opinion on issues before the FCC, or to ask for more information from us, send Email to fccinfo@fcc.gov <mailto:fccinfo@fcc.gov>, or by mail to: Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington DC 20554, (202) 418-0200.

9/11/98

To whom it may concern,

My comment deals with the FCC Amateur License Amendment. Here is a copy of your conclusion on the rule change: In view of the foregoing, we propose: (1) to phase out the Novice Class operator license (current licensees grandfathered) and the Technician Plus operator license; (2) to authorize Advanced Class operators to prepare and administer examinations for the General Class operator license; and (3) to sunset RACES station licenses by not issuing any license renewals. We invite comments of the amateur community with respect to improving our enforcement processes as they relate to amateur radio. We also invite comments regarding the specific telegraphy speed requirements for the various license classes, and on ways to streamline and improve the operator examinations. The views of interested parties on these proposals are invited. The proposed rules which are appended hereto are intended to simplify and streamline the regulations that govern the Amateur Radio Service. [57]

I worked very hard for the Tech Plus status so that I could achieve HF privileges. I have already passed the written exam for a General Class license, but can't seem to get passed the 13 wpm requirement to achieve a General Class license. I have failed the 13 wpm CW test on 2 attempts thus far. Additionally, when I got my Tech Plus license, I noted the expiration date did not change from my prior Technician License expiration date. I thought the expiration would always be 10 years from your last upgrade or re-licensing. Is this a special circumstance with the Tech Plus license?

If the FCC must delete the Tech Plus license, I think they should also choose to lower the CW requirement for the General Class license to 5 wpm and add a 13 wpm requirement to the Advance Class license. This would allow Tech Plus and General Class license holders to advance one level in the class structure by taking the next written exam. If you would like to discuss this further, please call me 715-384-3489. Thank you for considering my recommendation.

Rich Nesbitt - N9WPH

nesbitt@tznet.com <mailto:nesbitt@tznet.com>

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From: Mary Riddick
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("FABJK@uhhg.org")
Date: 9/29/98 9:33am
Subject: 98-143 response -Reply

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>>> "Ben Kulp" <FABJK@uhhg.org> 09/14/98 10:02am >>>

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<NOTIFY>ben@indiana.net

<TEXT> Dear FCC: I appreciate the action you are taking to update the Amateur Radio license requirements. I do feel that four license classes are sufficient. I agree with the proposal to allow Technician-plus license holders to advance to General Class by passing the General Class written exam and not requiring any additional Morse code exam. I do feel that the Advanced class should have to take only an additional written exam and the Extra class should have to take both a 13 word-per-minute Morse code test and a written exam.

My reasoning for these suggestions is two-fold. First, I feel that there are many Amateurs who are enjoying this hobby (who came-in on the No-code ticket) and would like to have the additional privileges of higher classes but the Morse code stands in their way. The code is good and is a good means of communication but I don't feel it should be the only means of testing ones technical abilities however, the five-word per minute is a good minimum requirement. I believe a written exam could determine technical skills more easily. I do feel that those who desire the Extra class license however, should have to earn it by passing both a written exam and at least a 13 word-per-minute code test.

Second, I feel that because of the ever-present threat of disaster both physical and technological, that we will need more licensed Amateurs who can communicate in times of emergency on the bands that would allow greater distance for communication. This could prove to be very valuable to all of us in future years.

Thank you for allowing me to comment briefly on this issue.

Sincerely,

Benjamin J. Kulp, N9OPJ

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>>> <Enriqpagan@aol.com> 09/19/98 08:40pm >>>
Dear FCC:

Morse Code is a International Treaty requirement for the Amateur Radio Service below 30 MHZ, but that requirement is ONLY for 5 WPM. I want to see HF activity be open for everybody, open up all the HF bands to all 5 WPM license holders. HF Bands has become a an old man's hobby. The average age of the Extra, Advances and General class hams is now in excess of 63 years of age. How often do you talk on HF to teenegers, or young adults?. How many young kids do you see with an HF license privilages? Retaining higher Morse Code requirements for HF privilages will cause or demise!!!. Technological advances in computers, cellular telephone, wireless data communication is going to overshadow amateur radio, look at the Internet. Please open up all the HF ham bands to all hams with a code-based license. The awful truth is that the old Generation just want to maintain one of the few ways "CW" by wich they can be better than others. Docket No. 98-143 is not going to fix the problems in Amateur Radio unless you open up all the HF bands to all 5 WPM license holders. I use phone on 10m only CW once back in 1996. Please give us phone privilages in the other HF bands. I support the ARRL proposal for the A, B, C and D class licenses, because at least give us the privilage that we deserve. Please flush the 13WPM wich has done nothing but polarize the hobby and maintain a merit-badge system over the Novice and TechPlus licenses. Please FCC support the ARRL proposal and open up the HF bands for all. We need changes! We need then now!.

Thank you
Enrique Pagan
WP4LGZ

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From: Mary Riddick
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPLM("teixeira@ccnet.com")
Date: 9/29/98 10:00am
Subject: Proposed Changes to Amateur Radio Licensing -Reply

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>>> T E I X E I R A <teixeira@ccnet.com> 09/18/98 07:07pm >>>
Dear FCC,

I would like to see no changes made in the licensing of the Amateur Radio Service. The system has worked for many years and has worked fine. If changes are made I hope no changes are made to the CW code requirements. If the testing for amateur radio is made easier I fear amateur radio will end up like CB radio.... I see no valid purpose to make the amateur radio tests easier other than to sell radios. The down side is it will cause more over crowding of the Ham band.

Just my opinion,
Don Teixeira, W6IQ
Fremont, CA

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From: Mary Riddick
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("e.s.daley1@jsc.nasa.gov")
Date: 9/29/98 9:51am
Subject: Proposed Rule Change -Reply

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>>> "NASA/JSC" <e.s.daley1@jsc.nasa.gov> 09/17/98 01:01pm >>>
Please remove the 20-year old restriction on modem receiving rates of 53Kbps. Modems are capable of 56Kbps and why does the FCC establish any restriction? Who knows what technology may offer.
Thank you for your consideration.
E.S.Daley
Houston

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From: Mary Riddick
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("serreq@worldnet.att.net")
Date: 9/29/98 9:47am
Subject: Thank you -Reply

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>>> "Lee Hyde" <serreq@worldnet.att.net> 09/16/98 10:52pm >>>
Mostly want to say thank you! It is difficult to crunch all the info thrown your way.
The proposals are all with merit and it appears no one is blindly making judgements.
All I'm interested in is keeping enough hoops in the course to maintain a high enough standard that the amature bands remain family friendly. Please keep that idea in mind.
"Too easy to get has no value"

Lee Hyde 73.....kc7ttt

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From: <No1nd4evr@aol.com>
To: A4.A4 (FCCINFO)
Date: 9/29/98 1:43pm
Subject: Re: NPRM 98-143

I agree with the FCC's decision on the above Para 19-21, regarding lowering the Morse Code in present day communications. I believe it to be primarily recreational only.

I believe that no interest is served by requiring code testing for government or public reasons. Therefore, I believe all code testing should be abolished. There is in the International Radio Regulations (Article S25.5) and would be pleased to require only a single codes test of 5 wpm for all HF qualifications until Article S25.5 is eliminated. This would stop the need to grant medical waivers to disabled amateurs. Hopefully, you would include language to end Article S25.5 as soon as possible.

I belong to ARRL. I notice they are pushing for 12 wpm for the last two Amateur classes. Also they seem to be planning to make the written exams more technical. First of all, how many of us have gone to college for a Digital Electronic Degree? I spoke about the latest digital transceivers on our Sunday Net some time ago. An old time came on the air. He told me in the old tube days of transmitter and receivers, he had no problem repairing them. With Digital equipment, he sends these to the factory for repairs. Remember, with the exception of emergencies, Amateur Radio should be fun and fully enjoyed. Why do some people and organizations throw obstacles in your way to prevent this enjoyment???

Finally, it has been 17 or more years since I traveled a short distance past Philadelphia to a small town where the FCC made their new headquarters. This was to take my 50 question General Theory test, which I passed. I spent quite a bit of money purchasing code teaching machines, tapes and several other recorders but to no avail. I am still a grandfathered technician. I am 74 years old. Thanks for reading my input.

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